EXHIBIT 5

Page 1 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA
SEAN SMITH and CRYSTAL SMITH,)) Plaintiffs,)
-vs-) No. 5:17-CV-1302-D
CSAA FIRE and CASUALTY) INSURANCE COMPANY,)
Defendant.)
DEPOSITION OF J. STEPHEN FORD, Ph.D, P.E.
TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PLAINTIFFS
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA
ON NOVEMBER 30, 2018

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- 1 floor joists.
- 2 Q Do you know if any of these floor joists
- 3 are broken underneath this living room?
- 4 A Based on the -- on the elevation
- 5 information contained in the Rimkus report, I think
- 6 there's high probability that some of them are
- 7 broken due to rot. That's basically what I said.
- 8 Q And in order to repair those broken floor
- 9 joists, if you were going to repair this room, you
- 10 would have to actually replace those floor joists;
- 11 right?
- 12 A Typically, you would not. Typically, you
- 13 would go in and what we would call sistering them,
- 14 depending upon the extent of the rot. It depends
- 15 upon some of the details, but effectively you would
- 16 go in and remove enough flooring that you could get
- 17 a joist that was long enough to sistering is
- 18 effective. Just placing a new competent joist next
- 19 to the damaged joist. There's lots of details that
- 20 have to be worked out and whether you extend that
- 21 new sister joist the full length or whether it was
- 22 just a partial length and how you attach it.
- 23 There's many details associated with that. But
- 24 effectively sistering them if they're broken due to
- 25 rot.